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## OBITUARY – GIUSEPPE GENON

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It is with great regret that we announce the sudden death of Professor Giuseppe Genon, a renowned scientist; and a friend and collaborator of our Wessex Institute.

Giuseppe was born in Torino in 1945 and obtained his first degree at the Politecnico with outstanding grades. He developed his teaching and scientific career at the same School, becoming Full Professor in Industrial Chemistry and carrying out his work within the Group of Environmental Engineering.



He has been in charge of many different courses including those on Environment and Territory, Biological Processes, Environmental Engineering, Environmental Health Engineering and Pollution Studies among others. He took part in the Master on Environmental Engineering run by the Politecnico since 1990, where he was in charge of the part dealing with Environmental Protection Technologies.

Giuseppe's research at the Politecnico focused on Environmental Engineering, dealing with fundamentals as well as diverse applications. Of particular importance has been his work on water pollution, purification and recovery, including the development of new filters and many other problems related to water quality and health.

His academic activities resulted in over 200 scientific and technical publications in well established journals and has been complemented by his continuous interest in consulting activities and the well-being of the community. Giuseppe has participated in numerous committees and acted on behalf of different public bodies in his beloved Piemonte as well as other regions of Italy. He was the President of a Research Foundation dedicated to studies related to environmental policies.

Giuseppe participated in many conferences organised by the Wessex Institute, as an invited speaker and member of the Scientific Committee. He was also a member of the Editorial Board of the International Journal of Energy Production and Management, which is closely linked to the Conference on the same topic that originated at the Ural Federal University in Ekaterinburg, a meeting that set the basis for a collaboration which unfortunately is now diminished by the unexpected departure of Giuseppe.

He was a man of great modesty in spite of his achievements. Of a gentle nature, he was always prepared to help young researchers in particular. Giuseppe was an excellent research supervisor of more than 300 final year projects and Master and PhD theses.

His departure is a great loss for the whole international scientific community by whom he will always be remembered with great affection.

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